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Letter dated 12 October 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the full text of Revolution Command Council Decree No. 97 of 1996 on the general, full and total exemption of Iraqi citizens in the autonomous region from any prosecution required by law for a past act.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex, the full text of the Revolution Command Council Decree, circulated as a document of the fifty-first session of the General Assembly under agenda item 115 (c).

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Revolution Command Council Decree No. 97 of 1996

Pursuant to the provisions of article 42, paragraph (a), of the Constitution,

The Revolution Command Council has decided as follows:

1. Iraqi citizens from the autonomous region shall be fully and totally exempted from any prosecution required by law for an act preceding the date of promulgation of this Decree.

2. Perpetrators of the following offences recorded in the competent divisions before the date of effect of this Decree shall be excluded from the provisions of paragraph 1 above:

(a) The killing of State employees and civil servants;

(b) The theft of State assets;

(c) Rape;

(d) Espionage for the benefit of a foreign party.

3. This Decree shall take effect on the date of its promulgation.

(Signed) Saddam HUSSEIN
Chairman
Revolution Command Council